

**Town of Freedom
Tentative 2023 Town Budget Work Session Minutes
October 3, 2022**

Board Members Present: Josh Aarum, John Hill, R. Nick Morgan, & Supervisor Dustin Bliss
Absent: Geoff Milks

Other Officials: Bookkeeper Jessica Dart

Others: 1

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Dustin Bliss

I. PLEDGE TO THE FLAG: Led by Dustin Bliss

II. 2023 Budget Discussion: Bookkeeper Jessica Dart told the board that the budget is at 2%. The board went page by page with Jessica discussing the budget and the changes to the line items.

The board discussed in regards to the highway department and how the board would like a 7-year schedule with roads. They also talked about how the highway budget needs to set aside money that goes for normal road upkeep, plus have money that would go for specific repairs, such as pot holes, and sluice pipes that have settled to smooth out the road. They like to get some standards into place. In the budget under Bridges in the Highway section DA5120.2 the sluice pipe money will go in that account, and in the DA5120.4 will be for cold patch and strategic repairs specifically.

They also talked about the amount of money they have in the cemeteries account, and how there is a chance if any of the cemeteries in the town get abandon, the town has to legally take over the cemetery. Jessica said she is building that account just in case that happens because it could get costly.

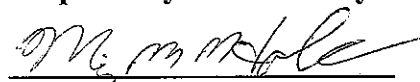
Discussion on sales tax. Jessica raised it in the budget. They talked about if they have extra, they can move it to highway and put in to roads. Jessica said they did that last year as well with a \$150,000.00. It was said that the board will have to allocate how they want that money spent for the highway.

III. ADJOURNMENT:

John Hill made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 pm. Seconded by Dustin Bliss.

Roll Call: Ayes-4 John Aarum, John Hill, R. Nick Morgan, & Supervisor Dustin Bliss

Respectfully Submitted by:



Freedom Town Clerk

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